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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON TAKING DEPOSITION AT GIBRALTAR

CONGEN TANGIER HAS BEEN ASKED BY A NEW YORK LAW FIRM IF IT COULD
TAKE A DEPOSITION ON GIBRALTAR FOR THE SURROGATE'S COURT OF
NEW YORK COUNTY. THE WITNESS RESIDES ON GIBRALTAR AND IS
UNWILLING TO COME TO TANGIER. THE CASE FOR WHICH THIS TESTIMONY
IS DESIRED INVOLVES AN ESTATE AGAINST WHICH THERE IS A U.S.
TAX ASSESSMENT OF NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS. CONGEN TANGIER
IS WILLING TO TAKE THIS DEPOSITION ON GIBRALTAR BUT WE ARE
UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT WOULD BE VALID IN A U.S. COURT OF LAW.
ALTHOUGH TANGIER PROVIDES DE FACTO CONSULAR SERVICES THERE,
GIBRALTAR IS TECHNICALLY WITHIN LONDON'S CONSULAR DISTRICT.
THE SURROGATE'S COURT HAS ASKED FOR A PROMPT REPLY AS TO
WHETHER IT MAY ISSUE A COMMISSION TO CONGEN TANGIER TO TAKE
THE DEPOSITION. THE DEPARTMENT'S URGENT ADVICE IS REQUESTED.
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